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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 3-12.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose the combination of the claimed feeding device as amended and supported in the remarks filed on 03/22/2010. In particular, the prior art of record fails to disclose among other features a tension application mechanism comprising a base (Fig. 7; via 114), a rod extends for engaging the wrapping paper (via 116), a roller mounted on the base (via 117), a rail (via 118) on which the roller is rotatably slidably engaged, wherein an operation section is upward and downward movable as the roller rolls on the rail with the rod engaging and applying tension to the pulled out wrapping paper by the weight of the operation section, see for example (Fig. 7; via operation section 121).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sameh H. Tawfik whose telephone number is 571-272-4470.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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